


# REPORT

**DATE:** May 8, 2008

**TO:** Administration Committee  
Regional Council

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**SUBJECT:** Final Adoption of Fiscal Year 2008-09 Comprehensive Budget & Resolution

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:** 

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## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt the FY2008-2009 Overall Work Program and Resolution #08-495-1 (attached) which authorizes this action and submittal of the OWP to Caltrans and other funding agencies as necessary for approval.

## SUMMARY:

In September 2007, the RC adopted the FY 2008-2009 OWP preparation schedule and SCAG management released project scopes and prioritization criteria. The budget was developed to focus resources on SCAG's legally mandated transportation planning activities and other commitments while balancing these commitments with available funding from our federal and state partners. The FY09 budget responds to the \$5 million reduction in funding capacity (compared to FY08) and begins the process of preparing for the expected reduction in federal funding for MPOs in FY10. Thus, the FY09 budget reflects reduced SCAG staffing, and reduced consultant services for SCAG and its subregions.

On March 6, 2008, the Regional Council approved the draft FY 2008-2009 Comprehensive Budget which included the OWP. That same day, the FY 2007-2008 OWP was released for public review and comment. Comments were due on April 5, 2008. During the comment period, comments were received from several subregions and on April 14, 2008, a comment letter was received from Caltrans. Based on all comments received, the OWP has been revised. The final OWP document meets all applicable federal and state requirements.

## BACKGROUND:

The OWP contains several sources of revenue. The major source is the Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) which is the primary revenue source used to meet SCAG's MPO requirements and addresses the Federal Planning Emphasis Areas (PEA's) of Federal and State Departments of Transportation. A significant non-CPG grant is the California Department of Transportation for Blueprint Planning Studies grant.

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A breakout of the FY08-09 program revenues and expenditures are listed below:

**Table 1 – Comparison of Revenues – Draft OWP vs. Final OWP**

REVENUES	DRAFT OWP	FINAL OWP	Incr (Decr)
CPG	32,114,539	32,523,953	409,414
FTA 5304	692,950	730,149	37,199
State - other	657,933	1,762,936	1,105,003
TDA	987,206	949,817	(37,389)
In-kind Commitments	3,529,006	3,807,163	278,157
Local Other	188,338	287,175	98,837
Total	38,169,972	40,061,193	1,891,221


**Table 2 – Comparison of Expenditures – Draft OWP vs Final OWP**


EXPENDITURES	DRAFT OWP	FINAL OWP	Incr (Decr)
SCAG Operations	23,255,557	23,091,330	(164,227)
SCAG Consultants	8,943,412	10,717,371	1,773,959
Subregional Staff	45,500	145,500	100,000
Subregional Consultants	2,369,149	2,287,989	(81,160)
In-kind Commitments	3,544,514	3,807,163	262,649
Local Other	11,840	11,840	-
Total	38,169,972	40,061,193	1,891,221

The change from the draft OWP to the final OWP submittal totals \$1,891,221. This was mainly due to: two new grants (Blueprint 3<sup>rd</sup> year and Rising Stars In Transit), appropriation of increased carryover and additional local matching funds.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

The OWP is the instrument that allows SCAG to manage projects and budgets. Approval of this document will continue the flow of federal planning funds for FY 2008-2009.

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## RESOLUTION NUMBER 08-495-1 RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

**WHEREAS**, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for six counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial;

**WHEREAS**, SCAG has developed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-2009 Comprehensive Budget that includes the following budget components: the General Fund, Overall Work Program (OWP), Indirect Cost Budget (ICAP), and the Fringe Benefit Budget;

**WHEREAS**, the OWP is the basis for SCAG's annual activities;

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with the Overall Work Program Agreement and Master Fund Transfer Agreement, the OWP constitutes the annual funding contract between the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and SCAG for Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funding; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments, that the Regional Council does hereby approve and adopt the FY 2008-2009 Draft Comprehensive Budget.

### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Regional Council hereby authorizes submittal of SCAG's approved FY 2008-2009 OWP to the participating State and Federal agencies;
2. The Regional Council hereby authorizes submittal of SCAG's approved FY 2008-2009 ICAP to the participating State and Federal agencies;
3. The Regional Council authorized release of SCAG's approved FY 2008-2009 Draft OWP for a thirty-day public comment period on March 6, 2008, and all comments have been addressed and incorporated into the final budget;
4. The Regional Council hereby authorizes submittal of SCAG's approved FY 2008-2009 General Fund budget to the General Assembly;
5. SCAG pledges to pay or secure in cash or services, or both, the matching funds necessary for financial assistance;
6. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby designated and authorized to submit the FY 2008-

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2009 OWP, and to execute all related agreements and documents on behalf of the Regional Council, to implement purposes of this Resolution;

7. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to make and submit to funding agencies, the necessary work program and budget modifications to the FY 2008-2009 OWP based on actual available funds, and to draw funds as necessary on a letter of credit or other requisition basis;
8. The Executive Director, or in his absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to make administrative changes required to implement the FY 2008-2009 OWP.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at a regular meeting this 8th day of May, 2008.

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GARY OVITT  
President  
Supervisor, County of San Bernardino

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Hasan Ikhata  
Executive Director

Attest:

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Joe Burton  
SCAG Chief Legal Counsel